RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By Glidden, Reich, Gordon, Hofstede, Johnson, Samuels, Lilligren, Goodman, Glidden, Schiff, Tuthill, Quincy, Colvin Roy, and Hodges

Honoring Activist Mahmoud El-Kati.

Mahmoud El-Kati is an advocate of building ones humanity through the understanding of their culture, history and community; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati is a distinguished scholar, published author, columnist, commentator, moderator, and professor of African American behavior and history; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati is a lecturer, writer, and commentator on the African American experience; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati is the co-founder and director of the annual Pan-African Conference at Mankato State University, which over the last 24 years, has featured discussions on African thought throughout the Diaspora; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati has published four books, all related to the black and/or African American experience; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati is the recipient of the National Association of Black Storytellers' Zora Neale Hurston Award; given to people whose scholarly historical writings preserve the culture and tradition of African and African –American people; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati is dedicated to his ultimate intent of not only to help African Americans understand, appreciate and preserve their great heritage, but also speak to the members of the larger society, who are looking for avenues of understanding themselves and their African American country men; and

Whereas, Mahmoud El-Kati has been fighting for social justice for over 40 years;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council hereby honors and observes the great contributions of Mahmoud El-Kati to the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis' African American culture, history and community.